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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

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For: INTERFACE DEVICE WITH )  
NETWORK ISOLATION :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add Claims 16 to 20, as follows:

16. (New) A device for connecting with a network, comprising:  
a plurality of ports constructed to transmit data received on one of said plurality of ports to other ports, said plurality of ports including a first port connectable to the network and a second port connectable to a device having functionality; and  
an isolation switch operable to isolate the first port connectable to the network from transmission of data received on one port in response to an instruction for operation of said isolation switch,  
wherein the device having functionality provides the instruction for operation of said isolation switch.